

ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

Memorial Day week end enabled sports week enthusiasts to grab an extra day of their favorite past-time. Got a break in the weather for a change, but can't say the same about the action in local waters. A few fortunate anglers are still managing to pick up an occasional white sea bass or yellowtail off the Palisades or Silver Canyon at Catalina, but it sure isn't like it was a month ago. Doesn't seem to discourage deep sea addicts in the least though—still the same number of boats venturing, loaded with fishermen hoping they've decided to hit again, which they should do. Water is swarming with squid, which is usually a good sign, besides, as with all types of excitement, the fishing, whenever you go, it's a gamble. Yellowtail still hot stuff at the Coronado Islands, guess that's the one spot where you're not taking much of a gamble on filling your sack—just snake-bite if you don't. Heard rumors concerning the horseshoe kelp, but so far, no verification—first barracuda of the season from there were supposedly taken last week end. About time for something to loose besides mackerel. Really a hot spot for barries when it gets going!

Doesn't seem like a week can go by without having a member of the Torrance Rod and Gun make news and causing all sorts of excitement. This week it's Lloyd Fullerton, the man to beat when it comes to yellow-tail fishing! Know plenty of anglers who can easily fill their sacks when caught in a hot school, but Lloyd just wanted one, that's all he got hitting an impressive 46 lbs. 4 ozs. on the scales. He and Wiley Pinson, Pete Burgess, Sven and Dave Ekki, and Tom Gentry were aboard the Happy Jack, skippered by Carl Hanni, sitting out the white seas bass off Catalina Saturday night, but instead of whites, they got yellow-tails. Five in all, over the 20 lb. mark. Lloyd connected with his about 1:30 a.m. on 20 lb. monofilament using squid and a triple hook at the bottom. It only took him 45 minutes to bring the monster to gaff, but was because the yellow didn't play it smart—was on a continual run, which tired him out that much faster. Tired Lloyd, too. He had to run after it, around and around the boat. Went down and slept the rest of the night, after whipping him, or being whipped by

the fish; either way, he was tired. Lots of big ole mossbacks at Catalina, but very seldom are any of them landed, in fact, they seldom are hooked—really cagey characters. Guess this one just hadn't seen a booby trap before. Anyway, Lloyd has set a pretty high mark on yellow tail for the year in the Southern California Button Award Assn., which takes in all of the rod and gun clubs throughout Southern California. Be hard for anyone to beat him.

Another one setting a high mark is Fred Bickar—tangled with a 130 lb. rattail stinger Wednesday night near Pier Point Landing. Got it in without even pulling the anchor, which is usually done on ones going several pounds less. That boy just knows what he's doing. Paul Smith is finally catching on to this fishing business. Nailed two yellow-tails at the Coronado Sunday, making him high man on the boat—even won the jack pot with his 17 pounder, which sounds like a minnow compared to Lloyd Fullerton's. Paul said he even used spinning gear with 10 lb. test monofilament, so there, too. But I still say his equipment would be flying all over if he connected with a yellow worth while. He'll have to get one like Lloyd's on spinning tackle before I'm convinced. If he did, it would probably be a dead one that he snagged.

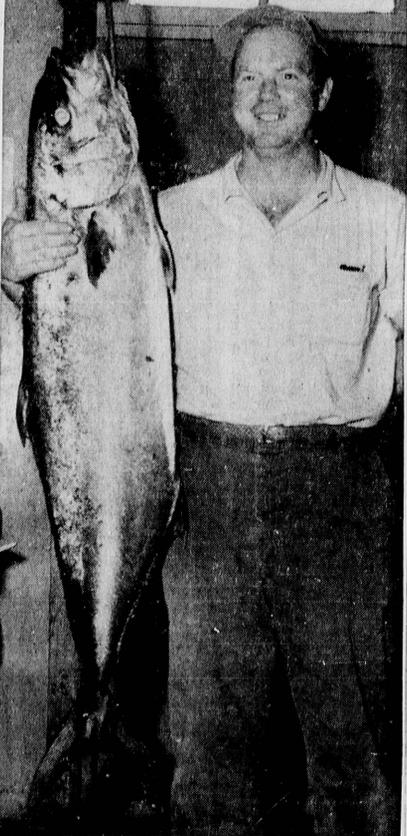
H. A. Harvey, Dale Wolfred, Bill Koblesch, and Harold Hultman got in on some hot barracuda schools Sunday on a boat out of San Clemente. Went down the coast just off Carlsbad where the barries were practically jumping in the boats. Had around 300 sacked up on their boat up to 8 lbs., with our local boys getting their share.

Lots of barries and yellowtail in the water around San Clemente Island now, but also too much bait. Only a small number were taken over the week end. Wouldn't hurt to go to the bottom if venturing that way. Might come up with a barn door like Bury's Coast's, topping 30 lbs. Lots of halibut steaks in one that size. Another big yellowtail taken at Catalina over the week end was Morrie Maloy's. Sitting right off Silver Canyon, he connected with a heavy sinking the scales at 37 lbs. Outside of that one, no action.

Awards Banquet To Fete Athletes



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LLOYD FULLERTON AND FRIEND
... An Entry for Button Awards

THS Lettermen Honored Tonite

Tonight at 8:30 athletes who participated in spring sports at Torrance High will be honored at the annual Awards banquet.

Athletes and their fathers, plus coaches and members of the faculty will be on hand for the gathering.

Highlight of the affair will be presentation of All-American awards to the outstanding Tartar baseball and track stars. Each All-American will receive a special blanket from the THS student body as his award.

Dennis Hester, three sport star at Tartarville, will receive a silver track shoe for his efforts on the Tartar spike team this year.

Great Season Hester wound up a brilliant season last week by taking second place in the California State Prep Track and Field Meet at the Coliseum in the 880-yard run. The slender athlete was undefeated in his specialty until he entered the CIF run-offs.

In CIF finals at Chaffey, he took third in the half-mile behind Claremont's Ernie Cunliffe and Wayne Lemons of Riverside. Then, last week, he beat both Lemons, who was back in the pack at the finish, and Cunliffe, who fell before crossing the tape.

78 Get Letters Hester was also the top high jumper on the Torrance high school squad. His best mark was a 42 1/2' effort.

Seventy-eight boys will receive letters at the affair for track and field, tennis and golf. Coaches who will make the presentations are Del Nuzum, and George Stanich, baseball; Willard Morgan and Don Porter, track and field; Joe Stuart, golf; and Leroy Steffy, tennis.

Another highlight of the affair will be presentation of the annual trophy, which goes to the top senior athlete. Jim Haworth, commissioner

Legion Wallops Optimists for Fourth Victory

A 17-hit attack proved too much for the Optimists Tuesday night, as the American Legion scored its third straight Service Club League softball win, 11-5 at Torrance Park.

The Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen forfeited to the WALTERIA Businessmen in the second game.

Ross Hood and Louie Briganti picked up three hits apiece to lead the Legion to its win. The winners counted once in the first inning, four times in the third, three times in the fourth and three more in the last half of the sixth frame.

Hood hurled the win for the Legionnaires.

The Optimists had six hits with Dick Miller getting two of the safeties.

American Legion now leads the league with four wins and no losses.

The Lions are next with three wins and no defeats.

The Torrance Rotary Club is in second place, with a two-win, one-loss record. Trailing the league are the Kiwanis and the Hollywood Riviera teams.

Neither has won a game. The Kiwanians, a late entry, have dropped two contests and the Riviera team has lost four times.

Firemen, Longren Top Rec Leagues

The Fire Department's "A" team and the Longren Aeros nine lead their respective leagues in Torrance Recreation softball play.

The Firemen rest atop the Blue Streak loop, while the Longren team is in first place in the City League.

Three straight wins without defeat have enabled the Fire "A" squad to grab the Blue Streak lead. In second place are the Fire "B" team, National Blues and the Lutheran Men's Club, all with two-win, one-loss marks.

The WALTERIA Methodist Church brings up the rear in the Blue Streak loop. The Methodists have won none and dropped three league decisions.

Longren had been the scourge of the City League. The Aeros won their first two league starts in handily fashion, but were forced to go all the way to edge out the American Legion, 6-5, last week.

BLUE STREAK STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Fire "A"	3	0
Fire "B"	2	1
National Blues	2	1
Lutheran Men	2	1
Elks	1	2
Local 1135	1	2
Homeowners	1	2
Walteria Methodists	0	3

CITY STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Longren	3	0
Walteria	2	1
Pittsburgh Paints	1	2
Legion	1	2
Dow Styron	1	3

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LOS ANGELES ROYALS LACE 'BIRD NINE

The Compton Moose moved in to Torrance Sunday for the final practice game for the local Bluebirds, who launch Harbor League play the following Sunday.

Last Sunday, the 'Birds took a 9-3 lacing from the Los Angeles Royals at Torrance Park. Tom Vanderpool, late of Torrance High School athletic fame, and Lee Utter split the pitching chores for the Bluebirds. Utter, who worked the first four innings, was charged with the loss.

Vanderpool was the first Torrance player to score. He rapped a long home run in the sixth inning over the right field fence that landed squarely in the middle of Santa Fe Ave. No one was on base at the time.

The locals wound up their scoring in the seventh. Jack Taylor led off with a single and Mike Beckett was safe on an error. Both runners advanced and scored on two more errors afield by the Royals.

The winners counted twice each in the second, third, fourth and fifth frames and a solo run in the top of the ninth inning in rolling to their nine-run total. Shortstop Hill knocked out three hits in four trips to the plate to lead the visitor's stickmen.

Vanderpool Hits Two The only Bluebird to hit safely more than once. He singled in the home half of the eighth inning in addition to his home run.

The locals got eight hits, while the Royals touched Utter and Vanderpool for an even dozen.

Los Angeles MUNY Assn. events will be held prior to Sunday's game with the Compton club. Players from both teams will participate in running the bases for time, fungo hitting and throwing the baseball for distance.

The Moose-Bluebird tussle will get underway at 2 p.m.

CUBS WIN TWO IN NATIONAL LOOP

Three games were played over the holiday week end in National Little League play, with the Cubs picking up a pair of wins and the Braves triumphing in the other contest.

The Cubs jumped on the Cardinals for a 5-1 win last Saturday at the new Little League Park on Plaza del Amo. The winners got five hits, while the Cards could only touch Cub hurler Johnny Simpson for three bingles.

Sunday, the Braves topped the Yankees, 6-4. Tarney of the

Yank nine tripled for the best blow of the game, but the poke wasn't enough as the Braves scored heavily in the early innings.

On Memorial Day, the Cubs returned to action, against the same Cardinal team. The Cubs broke open a 1-1 game in the bottom half of the sixth and final inning to push across a run and win 2-1.

Again the winners outthit the Cardinals, this time by an eight to five count. Simpson caught the Cardinals in this one, while

Roberts hurled the win.

LINE SCORES

Cubs	020	003	5	5	0
Cards	000	001	1	3	5
Simpson and Czarke; Austin and James.					
Braves	023	001	6	4	2
Yanks	001	210	4	5	2
Ybarra and Tuttle; Tarney, Ehlers and Holdsworth, Tarney.					
Cards	010	000	1	5	2
Cubs	001	001	2	8	1
Wilson and Cafaanon; Roberts and Simpson.					



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